

rupted the national debt. I wasn't there. But I can tell you today that our budget would be balanced but for the debts run up in the 12 years before I showed up in Washington. And if we don't—if we didn't raise the debt limit, the only practical impact would be, since we eventually would have to pay our debts, is that interest rates would go up, more and more of our budget would go to interest on the debt. It could raise our interest rates for a decade, and it could wreck their own budget plan.

So I just don't believe in the end that they will do that. There's going to be a lot of verbal back-and-forth between now and then, but it would be so irresponsible and it would undermine their own objectives, that I can't believe that it would happen.

The United States is a good citizen. We don't welsh on our debts, and we're not about to start doing it now.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:20 a.m. at the Santa Monica Airport. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 16

The President declared a major disaster in the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement recovery efforts in areas struck by Hurricane Marilyn beginning on September 15.

The President declared a major disaster in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by Hurricane Marilyn beginning on September 15.

September 18

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA. While en route on Air

Force One, he had a telephone conversation with NATO Secretary General Willy Claes to congratulate him on NATO's success in Bosnia. Following his arrival, he met with ministers and community leaders in the Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

In the evening, the President traveled to Jacksonville, FL.

The President announced his intention to nominate James C. Riley to be a Commissioner of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

September 19

In the evening, the President traveled to Denver, CO.

The President announced his intention to appoint M. Sharon Cassidy, Teresa Ghilarducci, and Joseph S. Perkins to be members of the Advisory Committee of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

September 20

In the evening, the President attended a Clinton/Gore fundraiser at the Marriott City Center. He then traveled to San Francisco, CA.

The White House announced the President named Stephanie S. Streett and Anne L. Walley as Deputy Assistants to the President and Directors of Scheduling.

The White House announced the President has appointed Jack Quinn as Assistant to the President and White House Counsel to replace Abner Mikva, who will retire November 1.

September 21

In the morning, the President met with a group of CEO's from the information industry to discuss goals for education technology.

In the afternoon, the President went to Culver City, CA.

In the evening, the President attended a Saxophone Club fundraiser at the House of Blues.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric James Boswell as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cecille Pulitzer to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The President announced his intention to name Ira L. Hobbs to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

September 22

In the morning, the President went to Santa Ana, CA, where he addressed the community at the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana.

In the afternoon, the President went to San Diego, CA, where he addressed students at O'Farrell Community School.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving early in the morning.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 18

Jane Bobbitt,
of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Loretta L. Dunn, resigned.

Donna Dearman Smith,
of Alabama, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 1998, vice Howard W. Cannon, term expired.

Hazel Rollins O'Leary,
of Minnesota, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-ninth Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Shirley Ann Jackson,
of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the

Thirty-ninth Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Nelson F. Sievering, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-ninth Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

John B. Ritch III,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-ninth Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Withdrawn September 18

Howard W. Cannon,
of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 1998 (reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995.

Submitted September 20

James William Blagg,
of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Ronald F. Ederer, resigned.

Susan Robinson King,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice Doug Ross, resigned.

Submitted September 22

Eric James Boswell,
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, vice Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton.

Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, vice Genta Hawkins Holmes.